

This law is as offensive as it is redundant. It harks back to a time when a private group in D.C. attempted to block the 14th Street Bridge into Virginia, although there is no evidence that D.C. authorities failed to act. The District's local criminal law prohibiting obstructing a bridge takes care of any obstruction occurring here.

Under the 1997 federal law, "whoever in the District of Columbia knowingly and willfully obstructs any bridge connecting the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Virginia . . . shall be fined not less than \$1,000 and not more than \$5,000, and in addition may be imprisoned not more than 30 days. . . ." Under D.C. law, a person may be subject to imprisonment and/or fines for "crowd[ing], obstruct[ing], or incommod[ing] . . . [t]he use of any street, avenue, alley, road, highway, or sidewalk."

The courts have long held that D.C. may repeal federal laws that predate the 1973 Home Rule Act (HRA) and apply exclusively in or to the District, but have not ruled on whether D.C. may repeal post-HRA federal laws that apply exclusively in or to the District. My bill would avoid any court challenge the District could face if it tries to repeal this 1997 federal law.

This is an important step to increase home rule for the District, and I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

IN HONOR OF REVEREND L.S.
WILSON

HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 30, 2019

Mr. VEASEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of Reverend L.S. Wilson of the East Saint Paul Baptist Church, an important member of our community in Fort Worth, Texas.

Born on March 2, 1936, Pastor Wilson impacted our community in unique and profound ways. Pastor Wilson grew up attending Fort Worth public schools where he graduated from I.M. Terrell High School in 1955. He later went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Dallas Baptist University and a Master of Education Degree in Administration from Texas A&M University at Commerce.

Pastor Wilson began his ministry in 1971 and led several congregations in North Texas for over forty years. From Elam Grove Baptist Church in Mabank, Texas to Bethlehem Baptist Church in Bonham, Texas, Reverend Wilson was eventually called to become the Pastor of East St. Paul Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Texas in 2001 where he served until his death in 2019. Pastor Wilson took on many leadership roles in churches across the North Texas community where his legacy will never be forgotten.

I want to take this opportunity to extend my thoughts and prayers to the Pastor Wilson's family and community. He was a man who always put, God, family, and community first. He did so much for our Fort Worth community, and I want to give a special thanks to him for making our community a better place.

CELEBRATING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CARBON COUNTY FAIR

HON. DANIEL MEUSER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 30, 2019

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect that I rise today to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the Carbon County Fair.

Since its reestablishment in 1999, the Carbon County Fair has celebrated the best of our communities and our rich agricultural tradition. We owe a great deal of gratitude to the local Lion and Lioness Clubs for supporting this annual community event. For five days in August, the fair welcomes community members to a variety of exhibitions showcasing the area's agricultural and industrial achievements. The fair brings neighbors together for exhibitions, fireworks, races, and the annual tractor pull. The Carbon County Fair plays an outstanding role in celebrating the importance of agriculture and industry in our communities.

On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives and the citizens of Pennsylvania's Ninth Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Carbon County Fair on twenty incredible years celebrating our communities. May this tradition continue for many years to come.

U.S. SENATOR JOSEPH D. TYDINGS
MEMORIAL PREVENT ALL
SORING TACTICS ACT OF 2019

SPEECH OF

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 2019

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 693, the U.S. Senator Joseph D. Tydings Memorial Prevent All Soring Tactics Act of 2019 or the "PAST" Act.

Put simply, soring is the cruel practice of intentionally inflicting pain on a horse's legs or hooves to alter the horse's gait. This is done by applying caustic chemicals such as diesel fuel, and mustard oil to the skin, and inserting sharp painful objects into horses' hooves to achieve an artificial high-stepping gait. It is all too commonly inflicted on horses that participate in Tennessee Walking Horse competitions.

As a former horse owner myself, I am deeply disturbed about the pain and suffering these majestic animals are put through. Soring is already prohibited by the laws of the United States. Congress passed the Horse Protection Act in 1970 to address the problem. What we are doing today is identifying gaps in the original law and fixing them.

No other category of horse show has federal oversight because no other group of trainers and horse show enthusiasts intentionally injure horses as a way to enhance performance. This practice belongs in the same category as dogfighting and cockfighting in that people hurt animals in severe ways just for entertainment. Ending this despicable practice is long overdue.

Since the PAST Act was first introduced in the 113th Congress it has never had fewer

than 272 cosponsors and has always been a firmly bipartisan bill with co-sponsors representing districts across the country. The PAST Act is also supported by hundreds of veterinary and equine groups—including the veterinary medical associations from all 50 states. I would like to recognize the hard work of the individuals within these outside animal rights advocates—particularly Marty Irby, Executive Director of Animal Wellness Action, who has dedicated so many years to this purpose.

As the chair of the subcommittee where this bill is assigned, I am proud to stand in favor of this anti-cruelty legislation. Let's send the bill to the Senate with a strong vote that shows how Americans will not stand for animal abuse.

COAST GUARD AUTHORIZATION
ACT OF 2019

SPEECH OF

HON. GARRET GRAVES

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 2019

Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I would like to add that there are several provisions contained in H.R. 3409 to ensure that the Coast Guard stays on the cutting edge of readiness. I appreciated the inclusion of the Coast Guard Shore Infrastructure Improvement Act, which I introduced with my colleague, Ms. MUCARSEL-POWELL of Florida. This legislation will ensure that the \$2.6 billion backlog of shore infrastructure needs are prioritized strategically so that our Coasties have the high-quality on-shore facilities to support their numerous missions.

I also want to thank Mr. DeFAZIO and Mr. MALONEY for working with my staff to include in H.R. 3409 a provision to prepare a demonstration program for the use of wing-in-ground vessels in the Outer Continental Shelf. Mr. Speaker, this provision emphasizes the dramatic advancements in new transportation technologies over the past few years and urges the Coast Guard to begin preparing to oversee their use. A demonstration program will support the Coast Guard in conceptualizing how these new technologies will be used to support commerce in U.S. waters and how such vessels will be regulated. We cannot wait for these technologies to be fully matured before we contemplate their safe application in our waters or airspace. Again, I appreciate the inclusion of these provisions in the underlying authorization and support its adoption.

AMERICAN MANUFACTURING
LEADERSHIP ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. TROY BALDERSON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 23, 2019

Mr. BALDERSON. Mr. Speaker, I am a proud original cosponsor of Research and Technology Subcommittee Chairwoman Haley Stevens' bill, the American Manufacturing Leadership Act because our nation's economy relies on the manufacturing industry and must